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EMBASSY NOTES WITH SATISFACTION FY 1978 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCLUDES IMET LEVEL OF \$0.5 MILLION FOR LEBANON. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR ANY FMS CREDITS. WE ARE AWARE THAT WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY WITH FMS CREDIT PROGRAM IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF LEBANESE LEGAL PROVISION THAT LOANS IN EXCESS OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT MUST BE APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT. BEIRUT'S REFTEL, HOWEVER, INDICATES THAT GOL MAY OBTAIN EMERGENCY POWERS WHEREBY LOANS MAY BE INCURRED BY EXECUTIVE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PARLIAMENT UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS. REFTEL ALSO FOREWARNS DEPARTMENT THAT GOL MAY REQUEST ARMS ASSISTANCE. USG HAS ALREADY INDICATED TO GOL THAT IT WOULD ASSIST WHERE IT COULD GOL'S RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT, INCLUDING REESTABLISHMENT GOL ARMED FORCES. IF WE CANNOT PROFFER GRANT AID AND THERE IS NO RPT NO PROVISION FOR FMS CREDIT, HOW WOULD WE HANDLE LEBANESE ARMS REQUESTS?

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